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SMALL GRAINS – SEPTEMBER 2021

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Durum wheat production in Arizona, estimated at 4.68 million bushels, is down 4 percent from 2020, according to the September 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Durum wheat producers seeded 53,000 acres for harvest in 2021, up from 50,000 acres seeded for the previous year’s crop. Acreage harvested for grain increased 3,000 acres from last year to 52,000 acres in 2021. Durum wheat yield, at 90.0 bushels per acre, is down 9.0 bushels per acre from last year and the lowest since 90.0 bushels per acre in 1997.

Arizona’s barley seeded area, at 16,000 acres, is up 4,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 14,000 acres, is up 6,000 acres from 2020. Barley yield, at 125.0 bushels per acre, is up 3.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2021 is estimated at 1.75 million bushels, up 79 percent from the previous year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production totaled 1.65 billion bushels in 2021, down 10 percent from the 2020 total of 1.83 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 37.2 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 44.3 bushels per acre, down 5.4 bushels from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2020 by type were: winter wheat, 1.28 billion bushels, up 9 percent; other spring wheat, 331 million bushels, down 44 percent; and Durum wheat, 37.3 million bushels, down 46 percent.

Durum wheat production for 2021 was estimated at 37.3 million bushels, down 46 percent from the 2020 total of 69.1 million bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 1.53 million acres, down 8 percent from the previous year. The United States yield was estimated at 24.3 bushels per acre, down 17.2 bushels from the 2020 yield.

Barley production was estimated at 118 million bushels, down 31 percent from the revised 2020 total of 171 million bushels. The average yield, at 60.4 bushels per acre, was down 16.8 bushel from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.66 million acres in 2021, down 2 percent from 2020. Harvested area, at 1.95 million acres, was down 12 percent from 2020.

For a full copy of the Small Grains Summary report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.